**Minutes**

Call to Order

Motion to Approve the Agenda: 1st: \_\_Kim Deniker\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 2nd: \_\_\_\_Nancy Blaskewicz\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Meeting Date: \_\_\_\_\_Wednesday, February 24th, 2016\_\_\_ Meeting Called to Order at (Time): \_\_6:00 PM\_\_\_\_

Location/Address: \_\_\_Mugsies, New Wilmington, PA 16142\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Intro of Officers Present**: \_X Michele Evans, President \_X Nancy Blaskewicz, Membership

\_X\_ Mary Ann Wilson, Secretary \_X Kim Deniker, Government Relations

\_\_ Mary Campbell, Treasurer \_ Heather Buchan \_\_\_ Maile Kirkpatrick

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| * **Secretary’s Report –***Mary Ann Wilson*    + Hard copies of minutes are available.   + Additions/Corrections for the November 7th, 2015 meeting.   + Meeting minutes from November 7th, 2015 meeting were accepted as posted. | * **Membership Report –** *Nancy Blaskewicz*   + Current Membership Count: 34   + Date of Count from KSRA Reports: February 2015, earned $15.00 for new & renewal members   + New Membership Incentives?   + Contact Universities, Public Libraries, and School Library, Reading, English teachers to prompt membership interest |
| * **Treasurer’s Report –** *Mary Campbell*   + Current Checking Balance: $4,001.65 * Expenses: 0 * Deposits: Nancy’s Checks have not yet been registered * Report will be filed for audit * Bills approved for payment: * Mary Ann Wilson for $110.00 * Three local memberships. * Four Local Libraries | * **Government Relations Report** *– Kim Deniker*   + See <http://ksrapa.org/?page_id=848> for ongoing Pennsylvania House Education Contact Information.   + Useful government relation links are also available.  1. National Library Legislation Day 2016 is on May 2nd and 3rd and sponsored by American Libraries Association. 2. Details on Wolf’s Educational Budget Impasse. 3. ESEA has been passed. 4. Still working on the 990N and filed all necessary paperwork and membership information for the past three years.   Refer to BLMRC website under  ***Government Relations*** for more details. |

* **President’s Report** – *Michele Evans*
  + Welcomed all officers and members including Linda and John Ziegler.
  + KSRA Report – January Meeting: By invitation only for specific committees. No one from BLM attended.
  + IRA is not an IRS recognized entity. All tax correspondence for 2015 tax deductions should state from IRA and not ILA.
  + March 2016 meeting announcement will be sent out by e-mail and posted on the Wiki.
    - Kaleidoscope Earth Day Celebration at the Harmony House at SRU, Slippery Rock, PA will take place on Saturday, April 23rd, 2016. BLM has various activity tables, book marks, books and book readings taking place. This meeting is to finalize and organize these activities.

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* + Officer nominations are being made for the 2016-2017 year for the two year terms required for each position. Kim will send out confirmed nomination for voting through Survey monkey. Nominations are as follows:
    - President: Michele Evans
    - Vice-President: Kim Deniker
    - Secretary: Elizabeth McChesney (need to confirm nomination)
    - Treasurer: Kim Deniker
    - Members at Large: John Ziegler and Mary Ann Wilson and Linda Ziegler
  + See Kim Deniker with all ILA membership numbers for the 2016-2017 officer/membership list.
  + Motion: The ILA project for this year will be purchasing books for a school in San Salvador, South America. Books will be purchased by the Council to fulfill International Project requirements. Mary Ann Wilson is writing a check for $110.00 to be reimbursed by the Counil
    - Motion moved by Nancy Blaskewicz
    - Motion Seconded by Kim Deniker
    - Motion carries unanimously.
  + Act 48 Hours-Members will continue to sign in during the meeting. Kim will submit hours to Sandee Cechini for credit after each meeting.
    - Each member in attendance is asked to complete an evaluation of the meeting in order to receive Act 45/48 hours. Signing in on the rosters is still required for those wanting Act 45/48 hours. Members should sign in for Act 48 hours.
    - All hours have been submitted and recorded as per Sandee Cechini.
  + Reminders for Members
    - Please nominate early for Awards for this year. Applications are available on Wikispaces.
    - Consider nominating someone for the:
      * Community Grant Award Due April 1st
      * Celebrate Literacy Award Due April 1st
        + Nominating Kimberly McCormick (Mary Ann Wilson)

**Unfinished Business**:

* Logo: Michele has worked with her son-in –law to create another new logo and is working on developing it after ideas were submitted from the members. She will report back once she receives the final logo for approval of membership. A tree with books as branched and states the Council’s name.
* Charter: Nancy and Kim are working with Eric McDonald from the KSRA – IRA Liaison – to obtain a charter for the new BLM RC. There are issues with the restructure of the IRA and the EIN number that Kim is working with Eric on to resolve.
* BLM RC is now a valid non-charitable organization as of the February 11th, 2016 confirmation from the IRS. The $400.00 grant received in December from KSRA was used to pay for the application to re-instate the non-profit status for the Council. Kim Deniker returned confirmation with receipts for the finalized grant to the committee (Anne Landers in January 2016.
  + The 990N postcards have been re-filed on the Councils part as of March 1st, 2016 on the new IRS.GOV web site. The filing was once again rejected after speaking with the IRS twice and they assured us that it would take two weeks from the 2/11/16 date for the revocation to be reversed. It has not yet been reversed. Kim will attempt to contact the IRS again to rectify the situation and hopefully, submit a 990N postcard successfully. The header naming our council is still showing as incorrect with the IRS.

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* Approved Council brochure: The logo is still be developed before we send this to print.
* The Council will conduct all current council business through Wikispace for public viewing. The account was accepted as an educational Wiki and will continue to be free of charge for the Council.
  + - Public Library Awards and Council Awards announced.
      * Public Libraries receiving a letter and check from the Council for this fiscal year for literary support are as follows:
        + Slippery Rock Community Library
        + New Castle Public Library
        + Cranberry Public Library
        + Grove City Community Library

**New Business**

* Next meeting will be announced on the Wiki for April, 2016 to finalize all activities for Earth Day at SRU for April.
* Nancy and Kim contacted Pamela Brandon concerning the Regional 1 meeting that was to take place in March 2016 via e-mail and phone call without any word back from her. We will continue to correspond. The meeting was to take place in Grove City. Several venues have been chosen but will wait to her from Pam if the meeting is still on.
* Please see [www.blmrc.wikispaces.com/](http://www.blmrc.wikispaces.com/) under meeting announcement page for more information.

**Meeting Adjourned at: \_\_\_7:00 PM\_**